

COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
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July 28, 1953

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to letter of June 18, 1953, from the Assistant Secretary of State, relative to the minimum period that an employee must serve at a differential post in a detail status to become entitled, by virtue of such detail, to payment of a prescribed foreign post differential under section 115-g(1) of the revised Standardized Regulations recently released by the Department of State.

The matter of concern to the Department is stated to arise where the detail of an employee--the duration of such detail being specified in the travel order to be for an estimated period of at least 60 days--from a nondifferential to a differential post, or from one differential post to another such post classified at a higher differential rate, is terminated prior to the expiration of the 60-day estimated period due to circumstances unforeseen at the time of assignment.

You are advised that this Office will raise no objection to the payment of the post differential for the sole reason that, because of unforeseen circumstances, the actual duration of an

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employee's detail is for a lesser period than the 60 days
contemplated in the travel order.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ V. L. FISHER

Acting Comptroller General
of the United States